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In re the Application of:

Makoto ONOZAWA, et al.

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 27, 2005, and having a period for response set to expire on July 27, 2005. A Petition for a two-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to September 27, 2005.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

It is noted that Applicants discussed with Examiner Alphonse the circumstance that the present Final Action is premature, since rejecting claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. §112, whereas claim 19 was allowed in the preceding Office Action and no amendment was made thereto in the interim. It was understood that the Examiner agreed to withdraw the Final Office Action and issue a new, non-Final Office Action.

Nevertheless, to avoid any further time running since the due date for response to the Final Office Action, Applicants are filing the present Response, with a request for discussion of the premature final issue with the Examiner.